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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady, instances barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, best for fast food, restaurants, and catering businesses. Supplies of smaller sizes were sufficient, but heavier weights were adequate to ample and in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were mixed, but overall at least adequate. Dark meat and breast items were in good supply to tight and moving best. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 08-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	55.94	48
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.20	38 :	47.71	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	49.12	26
Denver	74.50	74.25	14 :	75.10	15
Detroit	47.00-49.00	49.09	11 :	51.84	60
Los Angeles	75.00	73.25	65 :	69.09	126
New York	46.00-49.00	48.39	23 :	51.92	55
Philadelphia	45.50-47.00	46.08	12 :	47.40	24
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.82	11 :	56.68	57
St. Louis	46.25-46.50	45.86	20 :	48.25	37
San Francisco	75.50	73.91	33 :	76.44	62

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/08/06	Change/Last Wk	05/01/06	05/09/05
583	58.09	.23	57.86	72.65

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	52.00-54.00	53.22	36
Central	46.00-54.00	50.14	80
Western	51.00-57.00	58.00	37
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	66.90	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,118	45.00-71.00	65.95
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	141.50	1,493
BREASTS - B/S	113.00	6,178
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50	1,563
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,187
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	9,581
WINGS	84.00	3,108

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to instances fairly good entering the week. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample on the heavier sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, instances fairly good for active retail ads, fast food promotions, and increased Mother's Day needs. Supplies of all sizes were readily available to better balanced. In the parts structure, interest was fair to fairly good. Breast items and dark meat was in good supply to short of trade needs. Wings were adequate, but moving better than before. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with trading reported for this week's deliveries at mixed levels. Offerings were fully adequate for needs. Retailer demand was light to moderate at best. Dealers reported moderate weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 52.00 up .44, with the volume reported at 28 loads up 4 percents.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer majority prices moved 1 cent lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and food service movement was light to fairly good; best into restaurants, fast food and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to long; sizes desirable. Parts supplies were in close balance with dark bone-in parts in tightest position. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines; steady to fully steady on breast cuts and about steady on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good. Seller offerings of the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; 3.50 and 4.00 sizes were ample and slower to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, leg cuts varied in availability and were in closest balance on thighs. Breasts items were adequate to tight. Wings were noted as more than sufficient for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged moderate to good entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and boneless skinless thigh meat were in good balance to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, boneless skinless thigh meat and most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	103.77	622,920
TENDERLOINS	100-105	95.05	203,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	68.94	49,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.60	90,000
LEGS	34-35	32.32	120,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	21.53	448,194
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	30.72	95,335
THIGHS	28-29	34.58	58,320
B/S THIGHS	80-81	73.66	146,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	70.59	267,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	16,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.50	11,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	45.74	20,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,598	80.00-198.00	95-105	101.70
TENDERLOINS	324	85.00-159.00	97-100	101.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	2,897	14.00-23.00	21-22	21.65
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	2,094	16.00-25.00	22-25	22.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	895	51.00-88.00	71	71.64
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,485	20.00-26.00	21-22	21.72

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	05/08	05/04	05/04	05/01	04/27
Alabama	4,130	4,146	5.32	2,981	5.36
Arkansas	5,290	5,465	5.25	(A)	5.15
Delmarva	2,300	2,306	5.78	(A)	5.70
KY-LA-TN	2,318	2,308	5.03	1,497	5.11
Mississippi	2,882	2,862	5.79	2,087	5.77
North Carolina	2,496	2,623	6.76	951	6.57
Texas	2,479	2,567	5.31	994	5.13
Total	21,895	22,277	5.55	12,596	5.49
Mon	21,895(B)		12,596(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-May 2005 is estimated to be 32,757,000 up 73.30 percent from a week ago. and up 1.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 18,902,000 last year 32,337,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	659	97.00-150.00	99-105	113.69
TENDERLOINS	273	95.00-155.00	97-102	98.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	108	32.00-38.00	33-34	33.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	573	20.00-26.00	21-22	21.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	22.00-28.00	24-25	25.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	60.00-85.00	66-69	69.09
WINGS (CUT)	280	80.00-96.00	-	89.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 08, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00 - 42.50	39.49	38.28

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08-MAY-TO 12-MAY-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	90.00 - 111.00	95.00 - 102.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 81.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	25.00 - 39.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 32.00	23.00 - 25.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	23.00 - 34.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	19.00 - 34.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 100.00	81.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 58.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-98
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83.5-100.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 05, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	15.00-16.00	380,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	15.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-20.00	11.50-15.00	1,644,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.84	12.79		
20% OR MORE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 05, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS	20.00	16.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-19.50	13.00-16.00	1,201,600	393,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.72	13.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-14	11-12.5	11.75
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15	11-13	11.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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